



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Subject of possible rule making: Updates to required public-records rules to comply with statutory requirements and department policies; and the repeal of outdated and inapplicable rules.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 42.56 RCW (Public Records Act); RCW 77.04.013 and 77.12.047.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The changes to WDFW's public records rules are necessary because the rules are mandated by the Public Records Act (chapter 42.56 RCW), and specifically RCW 42.56.040. This project will update WDFW's rules to bring them into compliance with the Public Records Act. The project also will repeal outdated and inapplicable rules. The Attorney General's Office has provided model rules for agencies regarding public records. This project will integrate department policies with the AGO's model rules.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: N/A.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☒ Agency study
- ☐ Other (describe)

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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